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## RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 17, 2002

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 17, 2002, having a shortened statutory period for response extended two months to expire on May 17, 2003, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. A two-month extension accompanies this response. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/SOEI/0030/KMT, for any fees, including additional extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

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